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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

- 1. The Request filed 23 January 2004 has been received and entered into the file.
- 2. The Drawings submitted by Application on 14 October 2003 were received and approved by the Examiner. This was notated at Line #3 on the PTO-37 Form of the Notice of Allowability mailed on 14 January 2004. No patentability issues have been raised.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11-13 stand allowed pursuant to the Notice of Allowability mailed 14 January

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Christopher James Nichols**, **Ph.D.** whose telephone number is (571) 272-0889. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Gary Kunz**, **Ph.D.** can be reached on (571) 272-0887.

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